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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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Abstract

A method and system for secure management of contact information is disclosed. A service provider maintains a database with subscribers' updated contact information, such as address book entries and other personal and business information. When a user's information changes, subscribers on a recipient list are automatically updated without any user intervention. The subscribers' anonymity is assured by correlating contact information in the provider's database with encrypted subscriber ID's, such as hashed e-mail addresses.